

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 5

Introduction

- A. Paul will now apply practically what he has taught doctrinally.
- B. The last two chapters of Galatians are very practical and exhortative in nature.
- C. The last word of Chapter 4 is “free.” The Christian is _____! We are free from the power of Satan, the dominion of Satan, and the fleshly allurements of the world.
- D. Instead of the _____ oppression of a law system that we cannot keep, we have the _____ working of God’s Spirit that bears Christ-like fruit through us. Galatians 5:22-23

Verse 1

- A. Paul exclaims, “*Stand fast...in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.*”
 - Will the Galatians continue to live their Christian lives by the rules, rituals, and rites of the religious law?
 - Or, will they choose to live their Christian lives by faith through God’s grace and God’s Spirit?
- B. Living by _____ produces a yoke of bondage.
 - The yoke of bondage is clearly a reference to the Law of _____.
Acts 15:10
- C. Paul wanted the Galatians to “*stand fast...in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.*”
 - “Stand fast” means to stand _____ - don’t budge an inch.

Verse 2

- A. Paul will not compromise in the least. He asserts, “*...if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.*”

- B. He is simply saying, “If you choose to live your Christian life by the law, then you can’t live it by the _____ of Christ.” It is one or the other – grace and law do not mix.
- Christ is in us, but He is of no profit (use, benefit) when we choose to live by law rather than by _____ in Him.

Verse 3

- A. If these Gentiles decided to be circumcised, thereby becoming proselytes into the religion of Judaism, Paul wanted them to understand exactly what this meant.
- It meant that they were now indebted to become doers of the _____ law system. James 2:10
- B. Notice in Galatians 5:3, Paul says, “...*he is debtor to do the whole law.*”
- The law is all about _____. Galatians 3:10, 12
- C. Paul is saying:
- Do you want to place yourselves under a religious law system of “doing,” which can only bring condemnation and guilt?
 - Or, do you want to walk in the grace and freedom of Jesus Christ?